

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 724

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Louis Fletcher upon his induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those citizens involved in farming have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly specially recognize those outstanding citizens who dedicate their lives to promoting the importance of agriculture in our society; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Mr. Louis Fletcher, who was inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame on April 5, 2016, for his legacy in agriculture, vocational, and technical education; and

WHEREAS, born on April 7, 1954, Louis Fletcher was raised on his family's Wilson County farm, which was a general farming operation that produced swine, beef cattle, tobacco, hay, corn, and 11,000 layer hens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher attended Leeville Elementary School and Mt. Juliet Middle School, and in 1972, he graduated from Lebanon High School, where he was a member of the Lebanon FFA Chapter and the Wilson County 4-H Club; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1972, Louis Fletcher enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UT-K), where he joined the Farm House fraternity and served as its president; and

WHEREAS, in August 1975, Mr. Fletcher graduated from UT-K with a degree in agriculture education and a minor in animal science, and he gained employment the same month teaching agriculture education at Antioch High School in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, after one year, he was employed by Wilson County Schools to teach agriculture education at Mt. Juliet High School; he received his master's degree in vocational technical education from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1988 and a degree in supervision and administration from MTSU in 1990; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years, Mr. Fletcher left Mt. Juliet High School for Wilson Central High School in the fall of 2001, and the next year, he transferred from Wilson Central to serve as assistant principal at the Wilson County Career Technical Center in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, he served as an assistant principal there for ten years until the Center was closed, and the teachers and programs were moved to the new Lebanon High School in the fall of 2012; Mr. Fletcher then transferred to Lebanon High School to serve as one of the four assistant principals at the new school; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-eight productive years in education, Mr. Fletcher retired in 2013; and

WHEREAS, he now has sufficient time to do what he loves the most, spending time with his wife, Lesa Brown Fletcher, raising beef cattle, and talking to people about agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens who have committed their lives to developing and maintaining the highest standards and principles in their chosen vocation, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor Louis Fletcher for his valuable service to agriculture and the farming community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Louis Fletcher upon his induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame, as we reflect fondly upon his many contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.